



General Meeting
Friday October 14, 2011
7:30pm

AT PACIFICON !

Marriott Hotel
 2700 Mission College Blvd
 Santa Clara

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PACIFICON 2011 STARTS THIS FRIDAY !

PACIFICON 2011, the great west coast ham radio convention, will take place Friday, October 14th through Sunday, October 16th, at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel at 2700 Mission College Boulevard in Santa Clara, California. Talk-in: 147.060+ repeater

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See you in Santa Clara ! — John Ronan, K3ZJJ, 2011 Pacificon Chair





Amateur Radio Publications Now on Sale at Monthly Club Meetings

At each monthly meeting, a table of amateur radio publications chosen to meet the interests of its members from the newest licensee to the most seasoned operator. The available publications cover a broad range of interests including ARRL emergency communication publications, repeater directories, license class manuals and the ARRL *Handbook*.

Our club has negotiated prices for these publications to save members money. Purchases of the publications may be made with cash or check. Plan to stop by the table of publications on display at the next club meeting.

HELP WANTED

The **Education and Training Committee** is seeking club members that are interested in joining the MDARC/SATERN team of volunteer amateur radio instructors for in-class Technician and General License Course teaching opportunities. We also seek club members that are interested in joining Glen, NO6W's "Elmer" table to help our lesser experienced club members with their amateur radio questions. The club also seeks volunteers to help with Amateur Radio Publications sales at the regular monthly club meetings. Please contact John Primus, AF6RJ, at af6rj@arrl.net for further information.

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THE CARRIER IN FULL COLOR AS WELL AS SHARE
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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc>

MDARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2011

Presiding Officer – John Ronan, K3ZJJ

Meeting opened at 7:10 PM

Attendees - Dale McIntire Jim Siemons
Trevor Hall Misa Siemons John Primus

President John bestowed accolades upon Joe Taylor, K1JT, who is a professor of astrophysics at Princeton University and winner of the Nobel prize in that field. He suggested that he be awarded an honorary membership in MDARC.

A discussion was held about the situation at Mt Diablo and we all agreed that our club should look into the prospect of moving the ATV repeater to another site. Options will be discussed at the next board meeting.

President John said that we need to look for a location for a W6CX ham radio station. More to follow on this subject.

There was a motion to use Heather Farm facilities for our 2012 Field Day exercise. It was seconded and approved. It was noted that the check for the 2011 cleaning deposit was never cashed and will remain with them.

Misa Siemons passed out copies of this month's treasurer's report. She noted that we have a combined total of 39,478.16 in our bank accounts. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept her report.

There was no old or new business reported.

The subject turned to Pacificon and some items began to be discussed but were referred to the Pacificon meeting being held the following day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

MDARC Club Meeting Minutes September 16, 2011

Presided over by John Ronan, K3ZJJ
President

Recorded by Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM

New and upgraded licensees were introduced. Guests were called upon to introduce themselves.

The membership chairman, Tom Deeble, said that we have reached a new high mark of 350 members.

Jim, AF6PU, announced the nominees for club officers for 2012.

President – Robert TeVrucht, KJ6FNT
Vice President – Jim Siemons, AF6PU
Treasurer – Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE
Director – John Primus, AF6RJ
Director – Trevor Hall, WA6JAU
Board Member at Large – Ron Luttringer, K6XC
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There were no further nominations from the members. There was a motion from the floor, seconded and approved to close the nominations which was followed by a motion, seconded and approved to vote for the nominees by acclamation.

There was a question from a member about the location of the October meeting. It was answered that the meeting will be held at the Pacificon convention which will take place the weekend of October 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Vice President Dale encouraged everyone to attend the convention and called for projectors to be loaned to the club for the convention. Three are needed in addition to the ones that belong to club.

Lauren Stiles announced that there will be an additional prize drawing held at Pacificon for new Technician licensees only. They must have taken the test at the convention.

John Primus announced that a general class license class will start January 12th at Saturn.

Bill, WB6NLL, who is a coordinator for boy and girl scouting called for volunteers to help with this program.

A member stated that there is a new D-Star software program now available for \$119.00 plus tax.

After the break at 8 PM Vice President Dale gave an interesting presentation about the history, operation and equipment of Morse code (CW) which lasted until 9:13 PM.

A raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Fletcher, AF9RF
Secretary

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FIRST CLASS

THIS MONTH:



W6CX Nets

Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30pm Fat City 10 meter SSB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

FM 147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz - EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs: 1241.25 MHz AM, 919.25 MHz AM

ATV Internet Stream: <http://www.w6cxatv.net/live>

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets

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Central County 145.680 Simplex

East County 146.535 Simplex

South County 146.355/+ (100 PL)

West County 145.110/- (107.3 PL)

HF Net 8pm First Thursday of each month 3.890 MHz LSB

October — November 2011 Club Calendar

Friday October 14, 2011

**Monthly meeting will be held at PACIFICON ARRL Pacific Division Convention
Marriott Hotel, 270 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara**

Saturday November 5, 2011 9:00 am MDARC Technical Committee
Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg

Monday November 7, 2011 7:00 pm MDARC Board Meeting
Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek

Friday November 16, 2011 7:30 pm MDARC General Meeting
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette